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SUBJ: STAR TRON SCOPES

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- 1. MR. OBERG, SMITH AND WESSON PRESIDENT AND MR. DONATSCH CALLED ON EMBOFFS MARCH 11 AND 12 TO DISCUSS STAR TRON CASE. FOLLOWING IDEAS WERE DEVELOPED:

 (A) STAR TRON SCOPES TO BE IMPORTED INTO FRANCE BY SOCIETE RAYMOND GERAND. THIS IS SMITH AND WESSON DISTRIBUTOR IN FRANCE AND THEY LICENSED BY GOF, DMA TO IMPORT WAR MATERIAL. ON LICENSE APPLICATION, REGIE MONCEAU WOULD BE LISTED AS CUSTOMER OF SOCIETE RAYMOND GERAND.
- (B) AT EMBASSY SUGGESTION, SMITH AND WESSON REPRESENTATIVES OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM REGIE MONCEAU TO PROVIDE EMBASSY, ON CONFIDENTIAL BASISDETAILED INFORMATION ON THEIR CUSTOMERS. FOR REASONS OF COMMERCIAL SECRECY THEY DON'T WANT TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO SMITH AND WESSON BUT HAVE PROMISED INFORM EMBASSY WITHIN ONE WEEK.
- 2. MR. OBERG WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 14 AND WILL CALL ON MR. ROBINSON IN MUNITIONS CONTROL. THIS ARRANGEMENT SEEMS TO REMOVE OBSTACLE CITED PARA 2 REFERENCE AND PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON END USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE SCOPES. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS LICENSE BE ISSUED.

3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON STATUS GOF SCOPE
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